

STUDENT SERVICES AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

1. What will the formative assessment tool offer?

AIR's formative assessment tool will include items aligned to the math, science and language arts Utah Core Standards from the UTIPS Core item pool and from other states. The formative item pool will include the same item types present in the summative item pool (e.g., technology-enhanced, machine scored constructed response). Student result data from the summative system will flow through to the formative system and direct educators to content resources.

Beginning in early 2014, the new formative assessment system will add functionality to support the administration of teacher and district-created items and tests.

2. When should I start using the formative assessment tool?

Math, science and language arts teachers may access the new formative assessment tool's item pool and content resources beginning in the fall of 2013.

UTIPS Core (e.g., district.utips.org) will be available through at least June, 2014, for teachers to administer tests containing their own items. Districts may continue to administer benchmark assessments using UTIPS Core. Beginning in early 2014, the new formative assessment system will add functionality to support the administration of teacher and district-created items and tests.

Teachers who have written their own items and administer their tests via "Old" UTIPS (e.g., myutips.org, ucutips.org) must transition to UTIPS Core (e.g., district.utips.org) prior to fall 2013. If teachers have only used USOE item pool questions, there is no need to transfer tests into the new formative assessment tool. "Old" UTIPS will no longer be accessible once the new formative assessment tool becomes available, but UTIPS Core will continue to allow teachers to import tests from it.

User Type	2013-2014	2014-2015
Math, Science, ELA Teachers who	Use AIR's formative assessment	Continue using AIR's formative
only use the item pool (old UTIPS	tool to access item pool and	assessment tool
or UTIPS Core)	content resources.	
Non-CRT Teachers (CTE, etc)	Use UTIPS Core	Use AIR's formative
who only use teacher-created		assessment tool (transition
items		spring/summer, 2014)
Math, Science, ELA Teachers who	Use AIR's formative assessment	Use AIR's formative
use item pool questions and	tool to access item pool and	assessment tool with item
teacher-created items	content resources.	pool and teacher-created
		items

	Continue to use UTIPS Core to administer teacher-created tests.	
District/School Benchmark tests	Use UTIPS Core	Use AIR's formative assessment tool (transition spring/summer, 2014)

3. What training and support will be available for the new formative assessment tool?

AIR and the USOE will provide in-person and webinar trainings for LEA staff beginning with the summer of 2013 and continuing throughout the contract. Training materials, system tutorials and other needed materials will be provided. A fully staffed helpdesk will be available to support teacher, school, and district use.

4. How will student data be loaded into the formative assessment tool?

AIR uses a single student data management system for the summative, interim and formative systems. This management system, TIDE, will be populated with LEA student data beginning in August, 2013. The mechanism for uploading students to TIDE is currently being defined, although the goal of USOE is to utilize UTREx for this purpose if possible.